

SENATE RESOLUTION 190

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Eugene Covington on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Covington will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on April 13, 2018, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of John Nathan Covington and Nora Carlton Covington, Eugene Covington was born and raised in Rockvale; the Covington Family was one of the original families to settle in Rutherford County, coming to the area around the beginning of the nineteenth century; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Covington attended Rockvale Elementary School and Rockvale High School, where he was president of his class for three years; upon graduating from high school, he entered the United States Navy and received specialized training in electronics; and

WHEREAS, after returning to civilian life, Eugene Covington worked at radio stations in Murfreesboro and Winchester as a radio engineer; he also attended Middle Tennessee State College, now known as Middle Tennessee State University, from which he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1958; and

WHEREAS, for thirteen years, Mr. Covington worked at Arnold Engineering Development Center; he also worked with IBM for twenty-five years, retiring from the company as a Senior Systems Engineer in 1991; and

WHEREAS, a man of abiding faith, Eugene Covington has been an active member and lead soundman for Fair Havens Independence Baptist Church for over twelve years; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1955, Mr. Covington was joined in marriage with Reba Ann Messick of Murfreesboro, with whom he enjoyed more than half a century of love and companionship, until her passing in 2007; the couple was blessed with a son, Richard "Rick" Nathan Covington, and two grandchildren, Rebecca Elizabeth Covington and Richard Nathan Covington, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, as Eugene Covington enters his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Eugene Covington on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.